

Labor Force Estimates

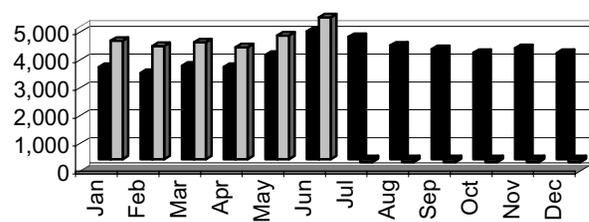
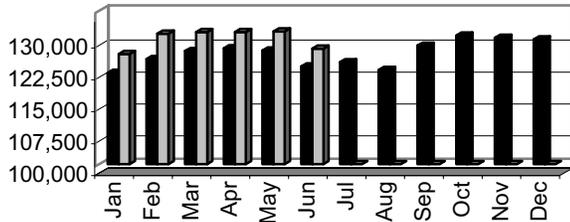
Civilian Labor Force Estimates (non-seasonally adjusted)

	Brazos Valley WDA				Texas			
	CLF	Empl	Unempl	Rate	CLF	Empl	Unempl	Rate
<b>JUNE 03</b>	132,992	127,138	5,854	4.4	11,169,793	10,334,113	835,680	7.5
<b>MAY 03</b>	135,715	131,167	4,548	3.4	10,985,863	10,269,700	716,163	6.5
<b>JUNE 02</b>	127,858	123,159	4,699	3.7	10,897,857	10,113,509	784,348	7.2

Brazos Valley WDA

Over-the-month employment in the Brazos Valley WDA decreased by 3.1 percent, or by 4,029 workers. Over-the-year employment experienced an increase of 3,979 workers, or by 3.2 percent. The unemployment level increased over the month by 28.7 percent in the Brazos Valley WDA. Madison County had the largest percentage increase in unemployment at 42.3 percent over the month. All seven counties within this WDA experienced increases in unemployment over the year. Over the month, Brazos Valley WDA's unemployment rate increased by 1.0 percent. Over the month, Brazos County had the lowest unemployment rate in this WDA at 2.9 percent. Grimes had the highest rate at 10.9 percent. Over the year, the unemployment rate rose by seven-tenths of a percentage point from the June 2002 rate of 3.7 percent. Over-the-month continued claims increased slightly. Burleson County had the largest over-the-year percentage decrease in continued claims at 76.2 percent.

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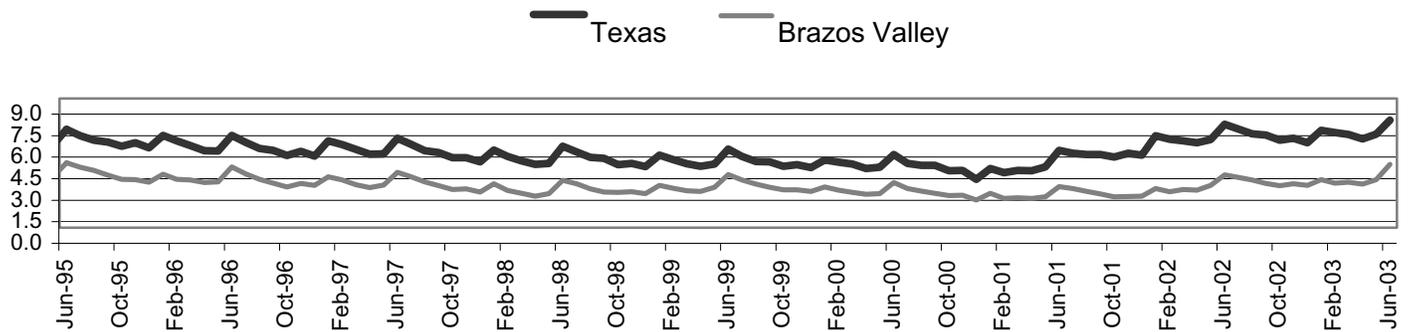
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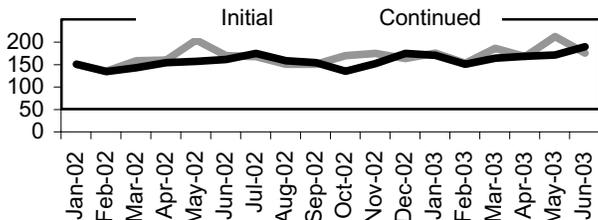
Unemployment

Historical Unemployment Rates



Unemployment Claims Data

Indexed Growth Rates for Claims  
(Base Period = January 2002)



Total Claims

	JUNE 03	MAY 03	JUNE 02	OTY Change
Initial	732	949	701	31
Continued	6,845	5,938	5,454	1,391

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

Continued	1,386	1,177	1,122	264
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**Occupational Information**

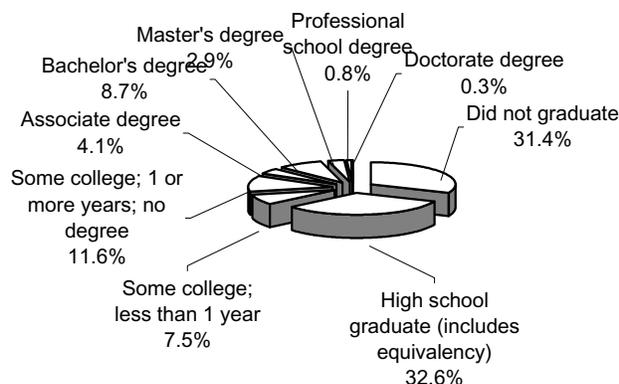
**Highest Paid Non-degree Occupations in the Brazos Valley WDA**

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Wage</u>
Transportation, Storage, & Distribution Mgrs	\$62,772	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, & Investigators	\$43,441
Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg, Technical & Scientific Products	\$52,921	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Mfg, Ex Tech. & Scientific Products	\$42,564
Postmasters & Mail Superintendents	\$51,989	First-Line Supervisors/Mgrs of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$42,098
First-Line Supervisors/Mgrs of Police & Detectives	\$51,404	First-Line Supervisors/Mgrs of Farming, Fishing, & Forestry Workers	\$41,974
First-Line Supervisors/Mgrs of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$49,286	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$41,549

**Census Data**

**Educational Attainment in the Brazos Valley WDA**

**2000 Census**



**Happenings Around the WDA**

**Budget cuts cause A&M to lay off 8 according to theeagle.com.** The Texas A&M University System laid off eight employees Wednesday from its central offices in College Station, a move officials attribute to a reduction in state funding. The jobs were lost when administrators eliminated three departments, system spokesman Bob Wright said. The cuts are expected to save \$450,000. System Chancellor Howard Graves issued a statement expressing regret. "This decision is not a reflection on the performance of any individual employee or department," Graves said. "Our state is experiencing critical budget shortfalls that have affected almost every state institution and agency. But, however difficult this is, our first obligation must be to serve the citizens of Texas." The chancellor was traveling Wednesday and could not be reached for an interview, Wright said. Among the eliminated departments is community development, headed by well-known diversity advocate Daniel Hernandez. He could not be reached for comment Wednesday. The distance learning and planning and system integration offices also were eliminated. The departments are part of the system's administrative and general offices at the Connally Building in College Station. Wright said he could not release the names of those fired because it is a personnel matter. Fears of layoffs have circulated through Texas A&M University and the system since early this year after lawmakers said massive funding cuts would be necessary to balance a \$9.9 billion state budget deficit. But the central offices are the first in the system to announce budget-related job cuts. State budget cuts reduced funding to the system's central offices from \$29.8 million to \$25 million. A hiring freeze and other spending savers reduced that \$4.8 million deficit to \$450,000. The departments were eliminated to wipe out the rest of the deficit, Wright said. Those fired will be paid through Sept. 30 unless they are hired elsewhere in the system or at another state agency, Wright said. They'll also be paid for accrued vacation time, and the system will help with job placement. The layoffs should be the only ones at the central offices unless funding is reduced again, Wright said.

**Educational Attainment in the Brazos Valley WDA**

<b>Persons 25 yrs and older</b>	<b>WDA</b>	<b>WDA%</b>	<b>Texas%</b>
Did not graduate	35,986	31.4%	24.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	37,345	32.6%	24.8%
Some college; less than 1 year	8,587	7.5%	7.5%
Some college; 1 or more years; no degree	13,309	11.6%	14.9%
Associate degree	4,709	4.1%	5.2%
Bachelor's degree	10,008	8.7%	15.6%
Master's degree	3,335	2.9%	5.2%
Professional school degree	938	0.8%	1.7%
Doctorate degree	384	0.3%	0.8%

<b>Total</b>	<b>114,601</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100%</b>
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Source: 2000 U. S. Census

<b>Average Weekly Wage</b>	<b>Brazos Valley</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>3rd QTR 2002</b>	\$506.48	\$1.53	\$676.90	-\$16.33
<b>2001 Average</b>	\$504.95	\$21.19	\$693.23	\$21.21
<b>2000 Average</b>	\$483.75		\$672.02	